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# H. R. 474

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the coverage of hospice care under medicaid plans.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 1993

Mr. PANETTA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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# A BILL

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF HOSPICE CARE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "(18)," after "(17),", and

(2) in subparagraph (C)(iv), by inserting "and (18)" after "(17)".

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(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made by this section apply (except as provided under paragraph (2)) to payments under title XIX of the Social Security Act for calendar quarters beginning on or after July 1, 1994, without regard to whether or not final regulations to carry out such amendments have been promulgated by such date.

(2) In the case of a State plan for medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Services determines requires State legislation (other than legislation authorizing or appropriating funds) in order for the plan to meet the additional requirements imposed by the amendments made by this section, the State plan shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the requirements of such title solely on the basis of its failure to meet these additional requirements before the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

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